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The Representative of the Israeli regime, in its recent communication to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council dated 9 April 2014, made some unsubstantiated and irrelevant allegations concerning my country. We believe that such a move by the Israeli regime's representative, which is increasingly becoming recurring and repetitive, is nothing but an attempt to divert attention from its own repeated and flagrant acts of aggression and occupation against Palestinians, as well as its violations of the territorial integrity of other States in the region, particularly in the case of recent air strikes against Lebanon and Syria.

It is indeed very ironic that a regime famous for its atrocities and apartheid policies, well documented by the United Nations, such as its repeated violations of internationally recognized borders, war crimes and other crimes against humanity, attacking or threatening to use force against its neighbours and beyond, a regime with an atrocious record of developing, producing and stockpiling different kinds of inhumane weapons, including weapons of mass destruction, ventures to label others as a threat to peace and security while preaching respect for Security Council resolutions.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while affirming the inherent right of Lebanese and Syrian resistance forces to oppose occupation and repel aggressions in order to reclaim their occupied lands, wishes to see peace and justice prevail in the Middle East. This would require respect for international norms and regulations by all and without discrimination.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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